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REMARKS

Claims 1-24, 27-47, and 49-52 are pending in the application.

Claims 6-10, 24, 42, and 47 are original.

Claims 2, 3, 13-23, 33, and 46 are currently amended.

Claims 43 was previously amended.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 25-32, 34-41, 44, 45, and 48-52 are cancelled.

Claims 53 and 54 are new.

Discussion of Amendments

Claim 1 is cancelled and the subject matter of the elected invention of Group IV that was embraced by Claim 1 is presented in new Claim 53.

Claim 2 is currently amended to delete the definitions of the group "X" that are not embraced by the elected invention of Group IV.

Claim 3 is currently amended to delete the entire definition of the group "X," which became redundant with the amendment to Claim 2.

Claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 27-32, 34-40, 44, 45, and 49-52 are cancelled for being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 25, 26, and 48 were previously cancelled.

Claims 13-23 and 33 are currently amended to change their dependencies from Claim 1 to new Claim 53, as Claim 1 is now cancelled.

Claims 15 and 18 are further amended to delete species that are not "thieno" compounds, as the deleted species are not within the scope of the elected invention of Group IV or new Claim 53.

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Claim 41 is cancelled and the subject matter of the elected invention of Group IV that was embraced by Claim 41 is presented in new Claim 54.

Claim 46 is currently amended to change its dependency from Claim 41 to new Claim 54, as Claim 41 is now cancelled.

New Claims 53 and 54 are added to present the subject matter of the elected invention of Group IV that was previously embraced by Claims 1 and 41, respectively.

Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 13-24, 33, 42, 43, 46, 47, 53, and 54 would be all of the claims pending in the application if the amendment to the claims is entered. Applicants preserve their right to reintroduce claims embracing deleted or cancelled subject matter in this application or any continuations, divisionals, or continuations-in-part thereof.

Election/Restrictions

Applicants hereby withdraw the traverse to the election of the invention of Group IV that was previously made in their paper transmitted by facsimile on December 18, 2003.

Application

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 27-32, 34-40, 44, 45, and 49-52, and the subject matter that is not in Group IV to an invention non-elected with traverse in Applicants response of December 18, 2003. Applicants believe the above amendments to the claims and withdrawal of the traverse satisfies the Examiner's request to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action.

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Conclusion

Applicants believe that Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 13-24, 33, 42, 43, 46, 47, 53, and 54 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 13-24, 33, 42, 43, 46, 47, 53, and 54 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 23-0455.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner to discuss any matters related to this case that the Examiner thinks are amenable to resolution by such discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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